

SOCIETY

Fortnightly Club.

Mrs. Strother Goff entertained the Fortnight Literary Club on Monday afternoon at her home on South Maple. The program was an unusually interesting one and the papers read were thoroughly enjoyed, on account of their real worth and originality.

This is the program:
"At Christmas play and make good cheer."

For Christmas comes but once a year. —Tusser.

Hostess: Mrs. Goff.
Roll call—Holiday experiences.
1. Paper—Figure and Portrait Painters from 1697 to 1830.

Mrs. Goff.
2. Discussion—Is Christmas a Holy Day or a Holiday, Mrs. Rounsavall and Mrs. Wentworth.

Music.
3. Talk—Christ in Art, Mrs. Vaught.

After the completion of this program a most delicious and refreshing menu was served.

A Dinner.

Misses Olive and Lorine Butler and Miss Sue Smith, of Paris, passed through here yesterday on their way to Ashland and Huntington, Va. Mr. Garner Smith entertained these young ladies and Messrs. B. Harold Johnson and Ed. Smith at the Brown-Proctoria Hotel for dinner.

The Auditorium.

This will be a full week at the Auditorium. Wednesday night is the great broom ball game between Maysville and Winchester. Thursday night is the last chance for the Leap Year and every girl should bring her best bean and watch the old year out and the new year in.

Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Shields Bush had a family reunion on Sunday at their home on South Main. His three brothers were there and an unusual thing happened for there were twenty different kinds of Bushs at one table. To the many Bushs were served an elegant course dinner and greatly enjoyed by all present.

Open House.

Miss Anna Mae Hisle will keep an "open house" on the New Year's afternoon for the Literary and Social Club and their friends.

Bridge Club.

Mrs. V. W. Bush will entertain the Bridge Club this afternoon.

On account of illness in the family, Mrs. Rounsavall will not entertain the Fortnightly Literary Club complimentary to Mrs. Burnett, Wednesday afternoon, December 30.

PERSONALS

Mr. George Stevenson, of Hinton, Va., is the guest of his sister, Miss Nancy Stevenson.

Mr. James W. Gooch, of Versailles, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. C. Singleton.

Mr. Frank Singleton is at home from Lexington for the holidays.

Messrs. Haley, of Chilesburg, were visitors in town Monday.

Mrs. Mitcheffer, of Cincinnati, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Beverly Jonett, for a few days and has now gone to Lexington to spend several days.

The many friends of Mr. Tom McEldowney are glad to know he is improving and hope to see him out and completely recovered in a few days.

Mr. Will Crimm was a guest in town Monday.

Mr. Will Price returned to home in Covington after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Price.

Mrs. Sara Youtsey was in Lexington Monday.

Mrs. Will Gav and children returned Monday afternoon from a delightful visit to her father, Mr. Woodford.

Miss Lucy Stewart, one of our most attractive and popular girls, left Tuesday for a visit to Mt. Sterling, and will attend the two dances given there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bryant, of Bagdad, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge.

Mrs. Nelson Gay and children returned Monday from Richmond, where they have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Chenault.

Mr. and Mrs. Jephtha Haggard have returned from a visit to Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Witherspoon have returned from a visit to Versailles to Mr. and Mrs. Sister Witherspoon.

Mr. Hume Payne was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Edna Ramsey returned Monday from a visit to Lexington.

Mr. John Talbott, of North Middletown was a guest in town Monday.

Pres. H. K. Taylor returned home Monday.

Dr. Graves, of St. Louis, returned home Monday after spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. George O. Graves.

Mrs. Henry Oliver, of Pittsburgh, Penn., will spend Thursday with Mrs. W. R. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Goff and Miss Sara Buckner, spent Sunday in Lexington the guests of Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oliver will spend Thursday evening the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Pendleton.

Miss Carrie Lee Hathaway has returned home after spending Christmas in Lexington.

Miss Sara Buckner left Monday afternoon to spend a few days in Woodford county, the attractive guest of Mrs. W. E. Simms.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Rowland and baby, of Paris, spent the holidays here with Mrs. Peddicord.

Miss Anna Spreck Thomson came Monday to be the guest of Mrs. Dwight L. Pendleton for a few days. Miss Thomson will return to Washington sometime next week.

Mrs. Henry Nunnally is visiting relatives in McKinney.

Mr. Thomas Dudley, of St. Louis, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Dudley.

Mr. Maurice Stroud is out after several weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, of Madison county, have returned home after spending the holidays with the latter's brother, Mr. J. E. Todd on East Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reeves and children are visiting Mrs. E. J. Barnes on East Broadway this week.

Mr. W. O. Hackett, of Blue Grass, Ky., was the pleasant guest of Mr. C. M. Todd the past week.

Mrs. Luev Hampfort, of Muncie, Ind., is visiting Mrs. J. W. Williams on Second avenue.

Mr. Robt. Todd has returned to his home in Madison county after a pleasant visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Todd.

Leon Renaker and Ben Salander visited friends in Cynthia Monday.

Blythe—Hardy.

Married by Elder James W. Harding at his home on Hickman street, December 29, Mr. Hiram Blythe and Miss Mary A. Hardy all of the county.

BREATHITT COUPLE

ELOPED TO LEXINGTON.

Mr. Chester Griffith and Miss Bertha May Hoskins Wed There.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 29.—Mr. Chester Griffith and Miss Bertha May Hoskins, both of Jackson, were married in the parlors of the Leland Hotel yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. R. N. Simpson, of the Chesnut Street Christian Church performing the ceremony.

The bridegroom is a teacher in the public schools in Breathitt county, and the bride a telephone operator at Jackson. They eloped to Lexington, but after arriving here received the consent of the bride's father, who is with his son, Kelly Hoskins, at the St. Joseph's Hospital, who was hurt by the collapsing of the bridge near Jackson some time ago.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. C. E. Perkins, J. B. Hoskins, and Robert Traylor, of this city. The happy couple left this morning on the 7:35 o'clock Lexington and Eastern train for Elkton, where they will reside.

PRISONERS ARE IN MAYSVILLE.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—Deputy United States Marshal George Massingale last night, by order of Federal Judge T. M. J. Cochran, brought Elisha Slaven, charged with contempt of court in aiding and assisting Berry Simpson to resist the service of an attachment at Stearns, Whitley county, December 25, to this city and he was placed in the Mason county jail. Oliver Slaven and Harvey and Jesse Simpson were also brought here at the same time. They are charged with contempt and disobeying the restraining order of the court.

LEAP YEAR SKATE.

In an article in The News Monday afternoon it was stated that a dance would be given at the Auditorium Thursday night but this is not correct as it will be a leap year skating party, the last of the season. The rink will remain open on that night until 12:15. Wednesday night there will be a broom ball game between Winchester and Maysville.

Dry goods, cloaks, furs, muffs, skirts and all women's wear marked away down at the Star's sale, which opens Wednesday.

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If you want bargains attend the first annual clearance sale at the Star opening Wednesday.

TO SELECT GROUNDS

Aero Club of America Prepares For Next June's Races.

New York, Dec. 29.—A. Holland Forbes, first vice president of the Aero Club of America, will go west next week on a tour of inspection on grounds which have been offered to the club for the start of the annual grand prize balloon race under its auspices in the first week of June next.

The cities tendering the free use of grounds also offered suitable gas free, and there is no doubt that Mr. Forbes' trip will result in a definite selection. The race is to be open to all America. Federation rules will govern. All balloons will be limited to a capacity of 77,000 cubic feet, with a 5 per cent leeway, and each will have to carry two people, of whom one will have to be a registered pilot.

MORSE'S FRIENDS ACTIVE

Seek Ways and Means to Secure New Trial For Ice Man.

Bath, Me., Dec. 29.—Ways and means for securing a new trial for Charles W. Morse of New York are being considered by citizens of Bath, Mr. Morse's birthplace, at a mass meeting held here today. The meeting, which was called by Mayor G. E. Hughes, also discussed the question of securing the release of Mr. Morse on bail. Morse was recently convicted in the federal courts in New York of misapplication of bank funds.

MAKES FIRST BOW

TO SOCIAL WORLD

Miss Ethel Roosevelt Given Ball at White House.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In the historic east room of the White House, beautifully decorated for the occasion, President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, made her formal bow to society. Preceding the dancing in the east room, Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Roosevelt received the invited guests in the blue room. Miss Roosevelt's gown was of soft white satin, trimmed with crystals, while that of her mother was of dark blue satin.

Seldom, if ever, has the east room presented a more attractive picture. Seated on a platform at the north

end of the room was the Marine band and orchestra, whose brilliant scarlet uniforms against a background of green formed a rich frame for the handsome gowns of the fair debutantes present. The invited guests numbered about 400, only unmarried members of the younger set participating in the dancing. Among those present were: Mrs. William S. Cowles and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the president's two sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. J. Emlen Roosevelt, Mrs. Simpkins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bacon, Mrs. Charles A. Munn, Mrs. Richard Wayne Parker and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who came home from Connecticut to spend Christmas with his parents at the White House, remained over to attend the dance.

After the music had ceased the dancers partook of a supper, which was served at small tables arranged along the lower corridor and rooms leading into this corridor.

Previously to the ball Miss Roosevelt was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Bacon at their residence. Covers were laid for 60, the whole party going later to the White House. Mrs. C. A. Munn also entertained a large house party, which later went to the White House.

APPEAL TO DUNLAP

Rose Law Said to Be Violated in Many Dry Counties.

Columbus, O., Dec. 29.—State Dairy and Food Commissioner Dunlap stated that he is receiving appeals for help in many of the counties which have been voted dry under the Rose county local option law, to suppress "bootleggers."

Commissioner Dunlap says that in one town of 4,000 inhabitants the 10 drug stores are doing a flourishing business, and that in many counties the Rose law is being violated. He will give the counties the help needed, and the indications are that many prosecutions will be instituted.

COL. THOMSON TO JUDGE BENTON

(Continued from page one.)

from time to time during the past six months, I have heard the very best, substantial and representative Democrats of Clark, Powell and Madison counties at various times, urge Judge Hays to make this race for Circuit Judge.

It will become necessary in refuting these charges to give a brief sketch of my political history, which is in part as follows:

I began voting the Democratic ticket when Judge James M. Benton was a mere weanling, and have never cast a Republican vote, and never will. The charges and insinuations contained in these paragraphs are unjust and hypocritical. The lines in which he writes, "These men and their followers are my political enemies because I have in every election, always voted for the Democratic ticket and made a square fight for the Democratic party and its candidates," in so far as these lines refer to me, I denounce them as maliciously false.

For ten years I served as chairman of the Democratic Committee of this county, and for about twelve years as member of the State Central Committee. My fellow Democrats have never made any complaint of the way in which I discharged the duties necessary to make an efficient member of said committees, which duties included the expenditure of quite a little sum of money, during those twenty-two years. Yet, I have never held a remunerative office. In 1895 I joined Judge Benton and others in the interest of McCreary to make the fight in Clark county in the primary between the Hon. James B. McCreary and the Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, for the instruction of the representative of this county as to how he would vote between them in the race for United States Senator.

The issue between the two candidates was the money question—McCreary being for sound money and Blackburn for free silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1. Benton was then for sound money and against free silver and assisted in making the fight on that issue. He did not change his views on this subject and has never changed them in reality.

When the party split in 1896, I supported Palmer and Buckner, as did many other good Democrats, for principle; Benton took the free silver end of it, and he knows it. He was afraid to lose a chance for office for which he has had a hankering all his life. Since he has lived in my county, he has held office about three-fourths of the time. By computing interests as bankers compute it, all he has drawn from the people during the last fifteen years, it will amount to nearly \$50,000. He now asks the party to put him in a position to draw \$18,000.00 more. He ungratefully made a fight before the last Legislature to force the people of this district, without even asking their leave, to pay him \$12,000.00 more. These are some of the side-lights which may be thrown upon this loyal Democrat.

Since 1896, I have continually voted for the Democratic ticket with Judge Benton in the saddle. So long as I have agreed with him and favored him and his friends for office, I have been a great Democrat in his estimation. In 1899, he favored my appointment to fill a vacancy, as a member of the State Canvassing Board during those trying times when a reliable Democrat was needed, he recommended my appointment without my solicitation. When Goebel was assassinated, it became advisable that a few of the Democrats should go to Frankfort to give encouragement to the members of the Legislature. I went with Judge Benton, without hesitation, when many of his special friends declined to go on account of the danger. This was three years after '96. He then thought my Democracy was "Simon-pure." Trying times they were. I went and stood arm in arm with Speaker Trimble, surrounded by bayonets, when General Collier drove the Legislature from the hall, the darkest day in Kentucky's history. Benton did not then consider me an undesirable Democrat.

In 1900, James Benton as chairman of the County Convention called to send delegates to the State Convention for the purpose of sending delegates to the National Convention to nominate a candidate for President, Judge Benton appointed me as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and as chairman, I reported a resolution endorsing William Jennings Bryan for President, and so instructing the delegates of this county, to vote. Judge Benton did not then consider me an undesirable Democrat.

No Democrat in this or any other county gave Bryan a more hearty support than I did in 1900, and in

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AUCTION!

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Saturday, Jan. 2,

At 10 O'clock, A. M.

On the above date at my store opposite Court House I will sell entire stock and fixtures at auction.

In Lots to Suit Purchaser.

W. T. HAMON.

1908, and Judge Benton knows this

Judge Benton and I have always been personal friends and I regret that his greed for office has caused him to misrepresent my political character, especially among people who know but little of my political record.

In 1904, he pledged his support to me for State Senator, when many of the good Democrats were being mentioned for the office. He did work to get the nomination for me without opposition. He did not then consider me an undesirable Democrat.

From 1896 to 1904, for eight years, there was nothing too good for Judge Benton to offer me. The first time my political principles became offensive to Benton, was in 1904 when I favored Kehoe over McQuown for Chairman of the State Central Committee. My convictions were then strong that the election of Kehoe would be greatly to the interest of the Democratic party of the State. I then saw that his defeat meant disaster to the Democratic party of the State, and I spelled defeat for Blackburn and McCreary. This prediction was forcibly presented to Judge Benton and he was urged at the time by McCreary's friends that Kehoe's defeat meant McCreary's defeat. This is the vital cause which gives Bradley, McCreary's seat in the Senate.

Many of our Clark county friends, including Judge Hays, C. B. Fox, Major Conkright, Hon. Abe Renick and others, deeply impressed with this same conviction, joined me in taking a delegation to the convention at Louisville, thus making a majority for Kehoe. At the same time Judge Benton was appealed to time and again by the McCreary men throughout the State who attempted to convince him that Kehoe's defeat meant McCreary's defeat, but this had no effect upon him. My action in this matter seemed to have caused him great displeasure and since then he has at various times and in various ways attempted to convince Democrats of this community that I was an undesirable Democrat.

I hoped, however, when the Democrats assembled in the voting precincts last November to elect Democratic County Committeemen and the 57 staunch Democrats who met in Kiddlesville, my home precinct, where I have cast my vote for forty-two years, found that I would accept the position cast the unanimous vote of the body for me in spite of the fact that there were several other aspirants for the position and thereby declared me a member of the Democratic Committee of this county.

a position I now hold, I hoped that after this, their verdict and their indorsement of my Democracy, would check the bickerings of Benton and his followers.

Now I wish to serve notice on these hundred staunch and loyal Democrats who voted for Palmer and Buckner in 1896 and who have steadily since that time voted and worked for the Democratic nominees, many of whom are now pledged to Judge Benton in this contest—it will not matter how long you serve him, how long you don his collar, when you throw it loose, you too will recover at his hands, the thrust he has given me and you will be branded by him as an undesirable Democrat.

Judge Benton knows as well as all true Democrats in Kentucky, that there is no truer, more loyal Democrat within its borders than the Hon. J. A. Sullivan, of Madison county. Judge Sullivan organized and led the Palmer and Buckner Democrats in Madison county in 1896. Jerry Sullivan is today James M. Benton's political supporter and manager in Madison county. Now, so long as he agrees and supports him, he too will be considered by Judge Benton a very desirable Democrat. But the day he differs with him, not in politics but in the management of the party and its nominees, Judge Benton will attempt to assassinate his political character as he has attempted to assassinate mine.

I have written this card solely in my defense. Judge Hays has not seen this card, nor has he been consulted in any way, as to the manner in which I propose to defend myself against Benton's unwarranted assaults and I alone am responsible for this document.

H. P. THOMSON.

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